

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

PRESENT: Joe Severy, Nancy Kemp, Mike Quesnel, Bruce Hiland, T Tall

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Amy Smith, Vincent Gardon, Sue Burdick, Paul Viko, John Montagne

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of January 5 meeting as distributed. The motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Received a report from David Anderson, Cornwall Health Officer, with the results from quarterly testing of water at Town Garage.
- Received a letter from attorney Jim Carroll regarding the status hearing on January 6, 2010 in regard to the tax appeal brought by Robert Burton Jr.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

Stu J. is working on the final application for the energy efficiency grant for a geothermal heating system for the Town Garage. He informed the board that it is a requirement of this grant that an energy audit be conducted. ACRPC has federal stimulus funds to cover the cost of the energy audit.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded to authorize a letter to ACRPC recommending an energy audit of the town garage. The motion carried on voice vote. T Tall drafted the letter during the meeting. Joe Severy will send it.

Stu explained that the plan for the energy efficiency project at the Town Garage includes upgrading the electrical system, installing a generator and installing a geothermal system. The grant will cover the cost of 80% of the project, and requires a 20% match from the Town.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded to include an article in the Town warning to see if the voters will approve \$10, 500 for the acquisition and installation of a geothermal heating system at the Town Garage. The motion carried on voice vote.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- The printer would like the Town Report on Feb 1st, so it is critical that any outstanding reports/information be submitted. Sue J. is still waiting to hear from the Fire Department concerning their budget request.
- Leo Audet submitted his formal resignation as Lister. The Selectboard accepted his resignation with regret.
- Sue J. provided information about two grant opportunities on the horizon: HAVA grant for accessibility improvements to assure access to voting and PACIF grant for safety or risk management equipment.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded to appoint Sue Burdick to fill out Leo Audet's unexpired term until Town Meeting 2010. The motion carried on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Listers

Paul Viko, John Montagne and Sue Burdick presented the board with their proposed contract to hire Sandra Brodeur and her associate to provide specialized lister services for the Town – primarily to perform work on computerized systems that is now required of listers by the State. The listers compared two contractors offering the same services at different costs. The board affirmed that the listers have the authority to make decisions about expenditures of their budget, but recommended that the listers have the town attorney review the contract first.

Town Warning Draft

Considerable time was spent reviewing the Town Warning line by line and discussing certain sections. A special meeting of the Selectboard will be held on January 26 at 1pm at the Town Hall to approve the final draft of the Town Warning.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Complaint – Douglas Road

Numerous complaints have been received about suspected violations of Zoning regulations Section 523 at a property on Douglas Road. Vincent Gardon and Amy Smith, residents of the property, came before the board to answer the complaints. Zoning Administrator Mike Brinkman was unable to be present at tonight's meeting. Vincent G. said that they have moved into the mobile home and are no longer living in the camper. He further stated that in the mobile home, they are using a State-approved incinerator toilet with no discharge. He said that they are collecting all their gray water in containers and taking it to a residence in Middlebury where it is being dumped into an approved system. Vincent G. said that he does not have a letter of approval from the State for the incinerator toilet in hand but he can get one. The Selectboard asked him to provide the letter of approval, as soon as possible. Mr. Gardon has a building permit valid through June, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bruce Hiland reported that Mike Brinkman is resigning as Zoning Administrator. It is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to recommend his replacement to the Selectboard.
- T Tall warned that the State may be making some changes to mother in law apts. He wonders what this would mean for our local regulations.
- T Tall has asked State legislators that a bill be introduced to have the insurance companies notify the police if a person is not insuring their vehicle. This bill may be moving forward this year.
- Sharon Tierra proposed the name of a substitute clerk for taking meeting minutes, for times when she is not available. The board is interested and Sharon will check with this person.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded that go into executive session to discuss a letter. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard